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## REPUTATION: THE FURTHER METASTASIS OF AN ALREADY DEPLORABLE SITUATION

Should any of our readers have dreams (or nightmares) of becoming "leaders" in the student protest movement, it would be advisable for you to take under consideration some of the consequences that could be in store for you. Jail sentences, suspensions and the tacit contempt of the townspeople are only the beginning of the problems faced by a student who dares express concern or dissent.

In my own case, my "radical" activities included the authorship of some two dozen articles for the FIXER and participation in the non-violent vigil that convened in Wilson Hall and culminated in county jail. It was also my misfortune to have been elected "spokesman" for the 28 students who were arrested on that occasion, which afforded me the privilege of being misquoted on behalf of the group in the News-Record. I imagine that it was this exposure that caused me the most damage.

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When my wife applied for a teaching job in the Harrisonburg school system, she was rejected, despite the fact that her credentials were exceptional. No reason was given. She was accepted by the Rockingham County school system, after a protracted "investigation" of her "background" and much unexplained delay.

She finally encountered an uncharacteristically candid administrator and thus learned the reason that the City school system rejected her application and that the County school system accepted her so reluctantly. The sole reason was that I had a "bad reputation;" the parents might object to the prospect of Sword's wife teaching their first-grade children! I was astonished to hear this, and more than a little offended.

The nightmare of my "reputation" persists in our efforts to find a place to live. We had been led to believe that we would be allowed to lease a particular apartment in Broadway and, in fact, had already begun moving in when the realtor informed us that my "bad reputation" made us "unsuitable tenants."

We then attempted to lease a small house in Broadway. Once a-

gain, our initial reception was favorable. Once again, our prospective landlord conducted some "investigation." Once again, the negotiations turned sour.

I certainly object to a prejudice based on political belief, or anything else. I object even more strongly, however, to a denigrating and offensive assessment of my "reputation" based on ignorance and misinformation. Therefore, I would like, once and for all, to clarify the reputation that has caused me so trouble.

I was born in Washington, D.C., and grew up in that area. My childhood was one of dismal poverty (I was anemic for seven years), but otherwise stable and normal. My performance in school was erratic, but I was not a disciplinary problem and I graduated on schedule.

In 1965, I enlisted in the U.S. Navy, and was assigned to the Naval Security Group. After attending the Defense Language Institute, where I graduated with honors,

I served aboard the U.S.N.

S. Muller and the U.S.S. Georgetown and at the National Security

Agency. During this period, I held a

Top Secret security clearance and received several commendations for my work.

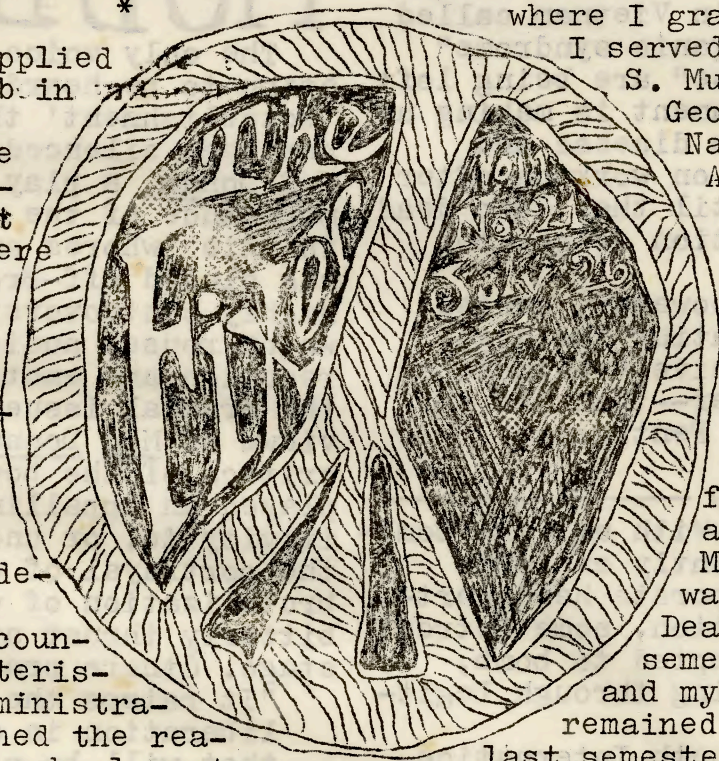
In 1968, I was released honorably from active duty and enrolled at Madison College. I was named to the Dean's List my first semester at Madison, and my scholastic record remained quite good until last semester.

I have been married for 2½ years. My wife and I have lived in Harrisonburg and Penn Laird and were never, until now, considered to be "unsuitable tenants" anywhere. We have never been remiss in paying our debts. We have in no way reflected unfavorably on the community.

As a citizen, I have faithfully paid my taxes and exercised my right to vote. I have been arrested only once, on the occasion I cited earlier on.

I hardly know what else to relate concerning my reputation. I believe it has been a good one, and I cannot comprehend the allegation that it has been utterly reversed by the fact that, just once, I dared to dissent. I spent three

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years in service to a country that guaranteed freedom of opinion. If I have returned to a country in which that freedom no longer exists, those three years of my life have been wasted.

Lewis H. Sword



It's  
a  
Dogs  
Life

WASHINGTON, D.C. (LNS)--Animal lovers have complained to the Pentagon about the treatment of military dogs, according to an AP report

The dogs, who contract a rare tropical disease in Vietnam called "ideopathic hemorganic syndrome" or "bleeder disease" are being left to die. The government is making no effort to cure the disease and makes the dogs go on working after they get sick, until they drop dead, or crippled in action or get too old to function.

The Pentagon, however, denies that it is mistreating the dogs. Military dogs receive treatment as good--if not better--than GIs in Vietnam, says the Pentagon.

DETROIT (LNS)--With all the bombings going on recently at ROTC buildings and corporate headquarters around the nation, some Detroit Yippies have attempted to bomb, responsibly, working through legitimate channels.

However, the Youth International Party was recently denied a permit they sought which would have allowed them to demolish the General Motors Building in downtown Motor City.

Y.I.P. requested the permit "so as not to inconvenience anyone who might wish to use the building." Citing the many ecological, political, and social offenses committed by General Motors on the people of the world, the Yippies respectfully requested the permit recently. It was denied a few weeks later.

"Hell," grumbled Yippie spokesman Jumpin' Jack Flash, "it ain't fair. You gotta be a corporation or a country to go around blowing shit up. I mean, GM is clogging up America's lungs, they're keeping

South Africa alive by squashing black people and they make crummy cars. They go around defying government orders. We don't do that."

A spokesman for the City Clerk's office (who declined to give his name) asked, "How can you get a permit to do something as silly as that? Things like that are done on the sly!"

Walking out of the City Clerk's office, the Yippies looked glum. "This destroys my last hope for legal channels," said Jumpin' Jack. "I've been listening to people telling kids to go through channels and finally we tried and look where it's gotten us. They tell us to do it illegally."

## MOD DONNA

The only voice for women's liberation to be heard from the New York 'establishment' theatre this year has been silenced. Myrna Lamb's Mod Donna, a play which exposes the magnitude of the oppression of women in this 'whores and wars' society, has closed off-Broadway. It was a highly controversial production which roused audiences to intense reaction and emotional response to the crucial issues it raised. Reviews of Mod Donna were mixed. Many critics of the bourgeois press displayed an appalling lack of sensitivity to, or understanding of, the portrayal of dehumanization and brutalization of women which was bitterly thrust at them from the stage. Others praised it:

"It raises the issues of women's liberation in a persuasive manner that will be of interest to men and women alike...One of the most pertinent and stimulating offerings...in the three-year history of the Public Theatre on Lafayette Street."

Clice Barnes, New York Times  
Being stimulating and relevant is not enough to merit continued performances of a play in New York. They play must also make money for its producers. Mod Donna was not a 'profitable' play, and so it was closed.

The editors of the monthly magazine International Socialist Review, feeling that such an important contribution to the women's liberation movement should receive a more extended public hearing than  
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(Mod Donna cont.)  
it has, are publishing the play uncut in the July-August issue. Those readers who think that the ideas of women's liberation deserve a hearing and who want to read Mod Donna can purchase a copy of this issue by sending \$1.00 to International Socialist Review, 873 Broadway, New York, New York 10003.

entionally trying to provoke the students by constantly and arbitrarily misusing its power- whether by accident or design I do not know but they are asking for trouble. How can the administration ask for the respect and cooperation of the students if they are going to treat former students that left in good standing like this?

Jim Turney

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You Pay a Fat Price for Diet Oleo

WASHINGTON, D.C. (LNS-CPS)--When you buy diet margarines you may pay premium prices averaging 50% higher than for regular margarine--but what you get for the extra money is added water, just plain water. In effect, says the Consumers Union, the non-commercial, non-profit consumer advisory group, the manufacturer is getting a premium for adulterating his product. The added water in place of fats in diet margarine gives a diet spread about half the calories of regular margarine. and the advertizing industry creates the demand that makes such a product possible, and profitable.

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HELP US find JUSTICE!

The professor and students who were denied justice in Rockingham County Circuit Court on June 30 are being defended by the American Civil Liberties Union in their further appeals. However, lawyers and court costs must be paid and money is hard to come by. PLEASE send us as much financial support as you can possibly afford. We must find JUSTICE! send contributions to- Madison Defense Fund- Box 35- Broadway Virginia, 22815 - PLEASE!! TEXAS QUARKERS IRK ARMY

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I am a Junior at Madison College, having attended the last two years there. Naturally, there have been many things that disturbed me that have taken place. But today something happened that made me angry and disgusted, the type of thing that ruins the harmony between administration and students.

Today a former student I know that had to drop out of school in May because of medical problems was served notice by Chief of Security Monger which stated:

"You are hereby notified not to trespass upon the property of Madison College located within the city limits of Harrisonburg. Any violation of this notice will make you subject to punishment as by law provided.

Dated: This 17th day of July, 1970."

It was signed by Director of Buildings and Grounds Gene Wagner and Chief of Security Monger.

This notice is quoted in its entirety. It means that this former student is not allowed on any Madison property for any purpose indefinitely and subject to \$1,000 fine and one year in jail if he does. No reasons were given for his being kicked off campus and he has not been accused of doing anything wrong on M.C. campus since he withdrew.

I know the student quite well and can see no reason for taking this action. It seems that the administration at Madison is int-

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (LNS)-- At 4536 West Commerce Street in San Antonio's predominantly Mexican-American West Side, there is an Army recruiting office.

The Other Recruiter--an anti-war information office set up by the American Friends Service--has moved next door, at 4534 West Commerce. The Other Recruiter, with a big peace symbol in the window, gives out peace literature and provides draft counselling. Movie showings at the peace center include anti-war films as well as Felix Green's "Inside North Vietnam" and films on the grape strike.

The Army doesn't like The Other Recruiter and particularly doesn't like having it right next door. So the Army has begun a campaign of harrassment--including the pressure on the landlord--to stop The Other Recruiter.



## *They have a GREAT BIG list*

NEW YORK (LNS)-- Government agencies are developing a network of computers whose electronic memories will store more information about the American people than any government in history has had about its subjects. Reporter Ben J. Franklin of the New York Times did some investigating and described some of the government's major surveillance centers:

\*\*\*The Secret Service maintains one of the newest and most sophisticated computers that American technology has come up with, devoted entirely to collecting dossiers on "activists," demonstrators, "malcontents," and persistent "imaginary-redress-seekers" who might harm or "embarrass" government officials. The computer stores information gathered from "abusive or threatening" letters to government officials, FBI reports, military intelligence, the CIA, local police departments, the Internal Revenue Service, Federal building guards, and "individual informants." The computer can provide the Secret Service with a list of all "persons of protective interest" in a particular geographical area, or a list of people sharing certain characteristics--"all the short, fat, longhaired, young, white campus activists in Knoxville, Tenn., for example," Franklin explains. The computer in Washington is connected by teletype to distant Secret Service bureaus throughout the country.

\*\*\*The Justice Department maintains a massive data bank which produces a weekly printout of discontent and resistance around the country. The names of individuals and organizations involved in anti-war rallies, welfare protests and the like are stored in the computer; the department labels the people fed into the computer as "moderate" or "radical."

\*\*\*The Army's Counterintelligence Analysis Division in Alexandria, Va., maintains a huge file of microfilmed intelligence reports, clippings and other materials on civilian activities. The reports are used, among other things, to determine the deployment of troops already on alert near 25 major cities to put down potential uprisings of the black communities, students, demonstrators, postal workers, or anyone else in rebellion. The Army's file includes dossiers on people like Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Arlo Guthrie and on organizations as tame as the American Civil Liberties Union and the Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam.

\*\*\*A growing number of government

agencies are using computers to gather other kinds of "sociological" information which can be used to improve governmental control over potentially dissident people. For example, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) maintains a computer file on 300,000 children of migrant farm workers which is used to distribute scholastic records--including such judgements as "negative attitude"--to school districts around the country. The Department does not even claim to have a method of assuring that such information is used only by school teachers and not by local police departments and big local employers who are able to get their hands on almost any files they want in many communities.

A glimpse of the future can be gotten from Nixon's "Defense Facilities and Industrial Security Act of 1970," now being considered by Congress.

The bill is designed to bar dissidents from employment in "defense-related facilities"--that means, in addition to weapons plants, any place that produces "basic material and raw materials essential to the support of military production and in limited supply, and important utility and service facilities..."

To implement the plan, the bill sets up an employee screening program for industries like steel, coal, copper, oil, railroads, maritime, textile, warehouse, and auto as well as for all colleges and universities doing Pentagon research.

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*Sorry no  
art work!*

Adapted from the philosophy of  
Ralph Waldo Emerson:

The learner has the right to say to the state, "You shall educate me, not as you will but as I will." After a student has been subjected to fifteen years in classrooms, he leers out as a bag full of wind. The true school collects about a natural teacher such as Christ or Socrates; and when schools leave the natural method to adopt a fixed program, education becomes a ritual and not an adventure.

Julian Ney

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"FIDELIFACTS: WEEDING OUT THE MIS\*  
FITS"

LIBERATION News Service

One day . . . . .

(Editor's note: A woman who works on the RAT, a New York radical newspaper, ripped the following letter off from the large corporation where she works part-time as a secretary.)

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APOLITICAL INTELLECTUALS

One day  
the apolitical intellectuals  
of my country  
will be interrogated  
by the simplest of our people.

They will be asked  
what they did  
when their nation died out  
slowly  
like a sweet fire,  
small and alone.

No one will ask them  
about their dress  
their long siestas  
after lunch,  
no one will want to know  
about their sterile combats  
with "the idea of nothing."  
No one will care about their  
higher financial learning.

They won't be questioned  
on Greek mythology  
or regarding their  
self-disgust  
when someone within them  
begins to die  
the coward's death.

They'll be asked nothing  
about the absurd  
justifications  
born in the shadow  
of the total lie

On that day  
the simple people will come.  
Those who had no place  
in the books and poems  
of the apolitical intellectuals,  
but daily delivered  
their bread and milk,  
their tortillas and eggs,  
those who mended their clothes,  
those who drove their cars,  
who cared for their dogs  
and gardens  
and worked for them,

And they'll ask:  
"What did you do when the poor  
suffered, when tenderness and life  
burned out in them?"

Otto Rene Castillo

Otto Rene Castillo fought with  
Turcios Lima in his native country--  
Guatemala. In March of 1967, after  
15 days of eating only roots, he  
and a girl comrade were captured  
in ambush, tortured four days, and  
burned alive.

FIDELIFACTS

June 9, 1970

"BOMBS BURST IN EXECUTIVE OFFI\*  
CES"--New York headline--"That  
sweet little secretary at the next  
desk may be a revolutionary who is  
planting bombs at night." (LIFE,  
3/27/70)

Having received this letter, your  
secretary probably is not the revo-  
lutionary referred to by the man  
quoted in LIFE "who admitted being  
involved in bombings!"

But what about the other employ-  
ees--not only in your office but  
in all operations of your company?

What about the people you are  
going to hire?

a) Do they use marijuana, "speed,"  
heroin, or other drugs?

b) What do previous employers  
think of them? Will previous em-  
ployers tell you if you phone or  
write them? (Would you?)

c) Are they members of SDS (Stu-  
dents for a Democratic Society)?

d) Are they members of the WEATH-  
ERMEN, the extreme left group of  
SDS?

e) Have they engaged in sit-ins,  
lie-ins, rock throwing or other  
violent demonstrations?

f) What is their real "track re-  
cord"?

Only a real investigation made  
on a face-to-face basis by trained  
investigators, can obtain this vital  
information for you.

Current loosening of the job  
market permits more careful screen-  
ing, resulting in improved profits  
through reduced turnover and great-  
er productivity. Many companies are  
now using FIDELIFACTS, the nation-  
wide ex-FBI investigative service,  
to protect themselves--to weed out  
the misfits and to hire the best  
people available.

Join the distinguished list of  
companies that gets the facts be-  
fore making a final hiring decis-  
ion. Call today, or return the en-  
closed card.

Sincerely yours,

Vincent Gallen,  
President

"OUR JUDGEMENT IS NO BETTER THAN  
OUR INFORMATION"



What I want to say today is non-political. Sides can be forgotten. I want to share with you the experience I had while returning home from Houston's Saturday night. Actually it was 3:15 Sunday morning. When I left Houston's I had to urinate. I don't know why I didn't go before I left, but I didn't. It's almost 5 miles home for me. I started to speed. I had to use the bathroom, I wanted to get home, I drove faster. My speed increased until, all of a sudden, I asked myself what was I doing? Did I have to urinate? I certainly did! Was there anything stopping me from urinating? No, just myself.

I stopped and relieved myself.

All I want to say is, don't let anyone squeeze the life out of you.

Jay Rainey

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**Fixer Meeting**  
Tuesday July 28, 7:00 PM  
at  
The Generation Gap  
**Everyone Welcome**  
**FACULTY**

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I would like to explain to the faculty why they did not receive a copy of The Fixer last week. The Fixer was confiscated by Adolph H. Phillips. It was Wednesday night before we realized that the papers we mailed to you Monday (via the campus mail) had not been received. We called Mrs. Moyers, the postmistress, asking her what happened to the papers. She told us that she had put them in the boxes, but that several persons had taken them out. She advised us to call Adolph H., her immediate supervisor. This we did. Adolph told us that The Fixer was unauthorized material and a non-student had mailed them. This was the reason given for stealing the papers.

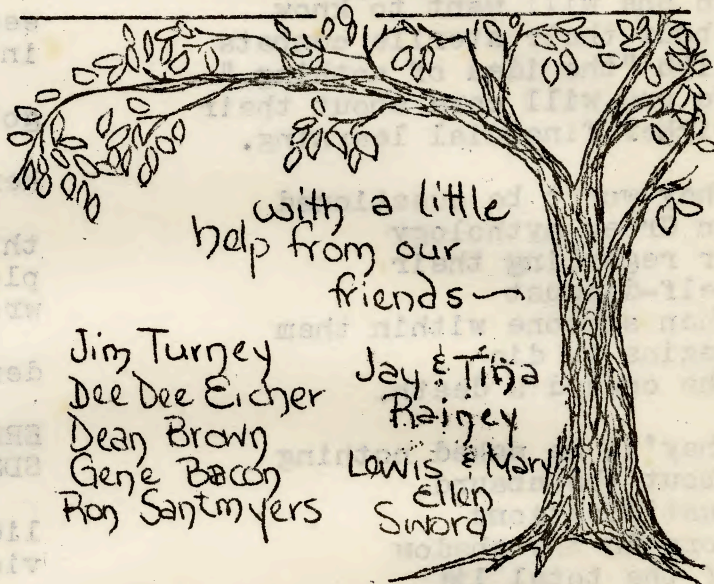
We do not realize Madison's right to restrict freedom of the press. Even they must follow the law, as set forth in the Constitution of the United States.

I just received a call from Dean Brown, a student in good standing at Madison College this summer. He went to the post office and was given the seized papers. He then tried to mail three copies to several faculty members. He was denied the right to use the campus mail, after having produced his student identification card. He asked Mrs. Moyers why. She said

it was "because it is The Fixer." She said that a student was denied the right to use the campus mail because he was going to mail The Fixer to faculty members. They have dropped all pretenses of being fair. They want The Fixer stopped. If the Attorney General would not do it, they will try to themselves. Dean then went to Adolph H. Phillips office. The army officer was not in. When he told the secretary what it was he wished to discuss with the Colonel, all she could say was "VERBOTEN." (She has been around the Col. for too long.)

Faculty members, will you again sit around and allow the administration to overstep its bounds? Will you say, "This action by the administration affects only a few on this campus. I won't risk my security over such a small matter. I can be of more use in the future." If you do not act now, you might find yourself helpless to act in the future.

Jay Rainey



The Fixer now has \$6.26 in the bank and \$5 in cash (given to us by a helpful professor.) We have put out two editions of The Fixer, prior to this issue, from those issues we have received \$5 in contributions and only one letter from the Madison community. We did not expect interest to run high, but at the same time we did not expect Madison to be completely dead. On August 12 we will owe Sears another \$10 (on the mimeograph machine) which we do not have. We have on hand enough materials to put out one more issue. HELP US! We hate to keep asking you for money, but if we are to continue we need financial assistance from you. Please give a contribution to the person who hands the paper out in your dorm or mail your contribution to: The Fixer, Madison College Press (Free), Box 35, Broadway, Virginia 22815.

"America has no friends...only interests." John Foster Dulles